

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following remarks and discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 13-21 are pending in the present application. In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 13-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,445,834 to Rising III. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The applied art does not teach, disclose or suggest position information displaying means for displaying icons of a second type representative of position information relative to a point on a geographical map displayed in a position information displaying area, as claimed in Claim 13. Although they are different in scope, each of the remaining independent Claims 15-19 recite similar features to those discussed above with respect to Claim 13.

In contrast, Rising III is directed to image analysis or image processing systems in order to generate information about characteristics of an image so that the image can be classified or used to query an image database. As such, Rising III discloses a user interface 110 which provides a means by which the user can provide image input and system configuration selection information input to the modular image storage and query system 100. Feature manager 120 uses the feature modules 125 to analyze an input image and to extract a set of image characteristics represented by a plurality of feature descriptors. The system 100 also allows a user to run a query by image content against a set of images in the database 160. The feature manager 120 invokes feature modules 125 to analyze the characteristics of the input image.

The Office Action asserts that col. 2, lines 3-14 of Rising III discloses the features of the independent claims. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Specifically, Rising III merely teaches selecting from a plurality of image characteristic selections represented by thumbnail icons corresponding to various image characteristics for a particular image query. The image

characteristic selections are submitted to a query which prepares the various characteristic selections with a database of stored images. Accordingly, there is no teaching, disclosure or suggestion for displaying icons of a second type representative of position information relative to a point on a geographical map displayed in a position displaying area.

Rising III does not teach an icon, a graphical representation of an operation or a file. Additionally, Rising III does not teach a geographical map. Rising III merely teaches two mathematical matrices referred to as “Orientation Map” and “Energy Map”. The matrices are not displayed in a position information displaying area. In contrast, according to exemplary embodiments of the present invention, thumbnail icons representative of image data and position icons representative of positions on a map, are displayed in a corresponding relationship to each other. Accordingly, when one of the positioned icons is selected, a corresponding one of the thumbnail icons is displayed distinctly, when one of the thumbnail icons is selected, a corresponding one of the position icons is displayed distinctly. Consequently, a large amount of image data can be managed readily and can be displayed, according to the independent claims, on a geographical map.

The above discussed features of the independent claims are not taught nor suggested in the applied art and thus, the applied art cannot support a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e). Withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) is respectfully requested.

Consequently, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance.

A notice of allowance for Claims 13-21 is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersign representative at the below listed telephone number.

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